# **Iowa Rural Development Grant Program Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants**

Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants are made to construct, extend, or improve water and waste disposal systems in rural areas and towns.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Population limitations of 10,000 or less.
- Funds are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, special purpose districts, Indian tribes and non-profit corporations.
- Priority is given to public entities, in areas with less than 5,500 people.
- > Applicants must be unable to obtain funds from other sources at reasonable rates and terms.
- Preference will be given to requests which involve the merging of small facilities and those serving low-income communities.

#### **Loan Terms:**

- The maximum term for all loans is 40 years; however, no repayment period will exceed state statutes or the useful life of the facility.
- Interest rates:
  - The poverty rate is appropriate if the median household income of the service area is below 80% of the state median household income (\$31,984) and the loan is to upgrade existing facilities or construct new facilities required to meet applicable health or sanitary standards. Currently, the poverty rate is 4.5%
  - The intermediate rate applies to loans that do not meet the requirements for the poverty line rate or for which the median household income in the service area is not more than 100% of the median household income of the state (\$39,981). The intermediate rate is midway between the poverty and market rates.
  - The market rate applies to all loans that do not quality for the poverty or intermediate rates. The market rate is adjusted quarterly based on a bond buyer index.
  - The interest rates change quarterly based on the bond market. Please contact the Rural Development Area Office in your area for the current interest rates.
- Guaranteed loans may be made for the same purpose as direct loans. They are made and serviced by commercial lenders. Guarantees can be made for up to 90 percent of any loss of interest and principal on the loan.

#### **Grants:**

- ➤ Grants are considered only after a determination is made on the maximum amount of loan the community can afford and still have reasonable user rates. When those and other available funds are not sufficient to complete the project as the Borrower and USDA Rural Development have agreed upon, they may be considered for grant funds.
- > Grants may not be in excess of the following percentages (whichever is higher) of the eligible project development costs.
  - 75% when the MHI of the service area is below the poverty line or below 80% of the state median household income ( < \$31,984).
  - 45% when the MHI of the service area exceeds the 75% requirement but is not more than 100% of the statewide median household income (\$31,985 \$39,981).

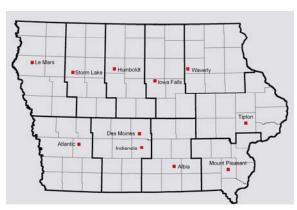
For additional information, please contact the Rural Development Loan Specialist in your Area!



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